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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/870,023	05/30/2001	Charles L. Branch	4002-2533	9301

TITLE OF INVENTION: INTERBODY FUSION GRAFTS AND INSTRUMENTATION

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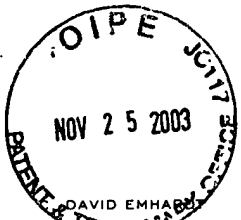
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1002	330	2002	165	Design Filing Fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant Filing Fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue Filing Fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional Filing Fee	
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1203	280	2203	140	Independent claims in excess of 3
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1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner's Action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner's Action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
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1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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1501	1,339,300*	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	1,330
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1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
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8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
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1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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